Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3295, Election Reform. The House passed H.R. 3762, Pension Security Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$2507-\$2603

Measures Introduced: Thirty-one bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2089–2119, and S. Res. 236–238. Pages S2577–78

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 100, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2003 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2012. (S. Rept. No. 107–141)

S. 924, to provide reliable officers, technology, education, community prosecutors, and training in our neighborhoods, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Election Reform: By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 65), Senate passed S. 565, to require States and localities to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements applicable to Federal elections, to establish grant programs to provide assistance to States and localities to meet those requirements and to improve election technology and the administration of Federal elections, and to establish the Election Administration Commission, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 63), Roberts/McConnell Amendment No. 2907, to eliminate the administrative procedures of requiring election officials to notify voters by mail whether or not their individual vote was counted.

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Dodd/McConnell Amendment No. 3117, to amend the title of the bill. Page S2543

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 64), Clinton Amendment No. 3108, to establish a residual ballot performance benchmark.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3107, to establish the Advisory Committee on Electronic Voting and the Electoral Process, and to instruct the Attorney General to study the adequacy of existing electoral fraud statutes and penalties, adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, was modified to reflect a technical correction.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 565 was vitiated, and the bill was then returned to the Senate Calendar.

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Election Reform: By unanimous consent, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3295, to require States and localities to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements applicable to Federal elections, to establish grant programs to provide assistance to States and localities to meet those requirements and to improve election technology and the administration of Federal elections, and to establish the Election Administration Commission, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 565, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S2543, S2544

Dodd/McConnell Amendment No. 3118, to amend the title of the bill. Page \$2543

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Commending University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 236, commending